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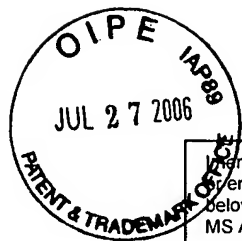
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Application No.: 10/643,709

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Art Unit: 3732

For: **FUNCTIONAL HANDPIECE HAVING  
A LIGHT EMISSION ELEMENT  
AT ITS FORWARD END**

Examiner: John J. Wilson

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.**

**Remarks begin on Page 6.**